AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A computer-based system for a distributed web application wherein said framework is capable of accepting a communication, comprising:

a controller operable to accept the communication and provide the communication to a model;

the model operable to perform processing of the request and to determine a web page to be rendered;

the page operable to provide a response based on the request; and wherein the web page belongs to a web page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]

wherein the web page raises a second action method; [[and]]

wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation;

wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related

to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Previously Presented): The computer-based system of claim 1 wherein:

the first action method implements code that results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

4. (Previously Presented): The computer-based system of claim 1 wherein: the web page group controls page flow between pages and other page groups.

- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously Presented): The computer-based system of claim 1 wherein: the web page group can be nested within another web page group.
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Previously Presented): The computer-based system of claim 1 wherein: the web page group is a set of functionally related pages.
- 9. (Previously Presented): The computer-based system of claim 1, further comprising: a global web page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.
- 10. (Previously Presented): The computer-based system of claim 1 wherein:

the web page is bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the page group by a web browser or other client.

- 11. (Currently Amended): A system for a distributed application wherein said framework is capable of accepting a communication, comprising:
- a controller operable to accept the communication and provide the communication to a model;

the model operable to perform processing of the request and to determine a web page to be rendered;

wherein the web page belongs to a web page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

the web page operable to provide a response based on the request;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]

wherein the web page raises a second action method; [[and]]

wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation;

wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

12. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11 wherein:

the first action method implements code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

- 13. (Cancelled):
- 14. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11 wherein: the web page group can control page flow between web pages and other page groups.
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11 wherein: the web page group can be nested within another web page group.
- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11 wherein: the web page group is a set of functionally related web pages.
- 19. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11, further comprising: a global web page group to provide fallback action methods for the web page.
- 20. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11 wherein:

the web page is bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the web page group by a web browser or other client.

21. (Currently Amended): A method for accepting a communication, comprising:

providing the communication to a controller;

associating a model with said communication;

determining a state of the model based on said communication;

providing a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a web page in a web page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]

wherein the web page raises a second action method; [[and]]

wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation;

wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related

to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 21 wherein:

the first action method can implement code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

24. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 21 wherein:

the web page group controls web page flow between pages and other web page groups.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 21 wherein:

the web page group can be nested within another web page group.

27. (Canceled)

- 28. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 21 wherein: the web page group is a set of functionally related web pages.
- 29. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 21, further comprising: a global web page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.
- 30. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 21 wherein:

the web page is bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the web page group by a web browser or other client.

31. (Currently Amended): A method for accepting a communication, comprising:

providing the communication to a controller;

associating a model with said communication;

determining a state of the model based on said communication;

providing a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a web page in a page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]

wherein the web page raises a second action method;

wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation;

wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and

wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

32. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31 wherein:

the first action method implements code that results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

- 33. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31 wherein:
 - a web page group controls page flow between web pages and other web page groups.
- 34. (Canceled)
- 35. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31 wherein:

the web page group is nested within another web page group.

- 36. (Canceled)
- 37. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31 wherein:

the web page group is a set of functionally related web pages.

- 38. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31, further comprising:
 - a global web page group to provide fallback action methods for the web page.
- 39. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 31 wherein:

the web page is bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the web page group by a web browser or other client.

- 40. (Currently Amended): A system comprising:
 - a means for providing a communication to a controller;
 - a means for associating a model with said communication;
 - a means for determining a state of the model based on said communication;
 - a means for providing a view based on the state of the model; and
 - wherein the view is a web page in a web page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]

wherein the web page raises a second action method; [[and]]

wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation;

wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

- 41. (Currently Amended): A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium, comprising:
 - a code segment including instructions to provide a communication to a controller;
 - a code segment including instructions to associate a model with said communication;
- a code segment including instructions to determine a state of the model based on said communication;
- a code segment including instructions to provide a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a web page in a web page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]

wherein the web page raises a second action method; [[and]]

wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation:

wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related

to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

42. (Currently Amended): A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

provide a communication to a controller;

associate a model with said communication;

determine a state of the model based on said communication;

provide a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a page in a page group;

wherein the web page group includes a definition file with a web page group extension;

wherein the web page is the target of a first action method; [[and]]
wherein the web page raises a second action method; [[and]]
wherein the second action method implements code that results in website navigation;
wherein the web page group includes application logic that is separate from logic related to rendering a graphical user interface;

wherein the web page group stores a state of the pages in the group; and wherein the web page group stores the state of the pages using annotated variables.

- 43. (Canceled)
- 44. (Previously Presented): The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein: the first action method implements code that results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.
- 45. (Previously Presented): The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein: the web page group controls page flow between web pages and other web page groups.
- 46. (Canceled)
- 47. (Previously Presented): The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein: the web page group is nested within another web page group.
- 48. (Canceled)
- 49. (Previously Presented): The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein: the web page group is a set of functionally related web pages.
- 50. (Previously Presented): The machine readable medium of claim 42, further comprising: a global web page group to provide fallback action methods for the web page.
- 51. (Previously Presented): The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

the web page is bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the web page group by a web browser or other client.